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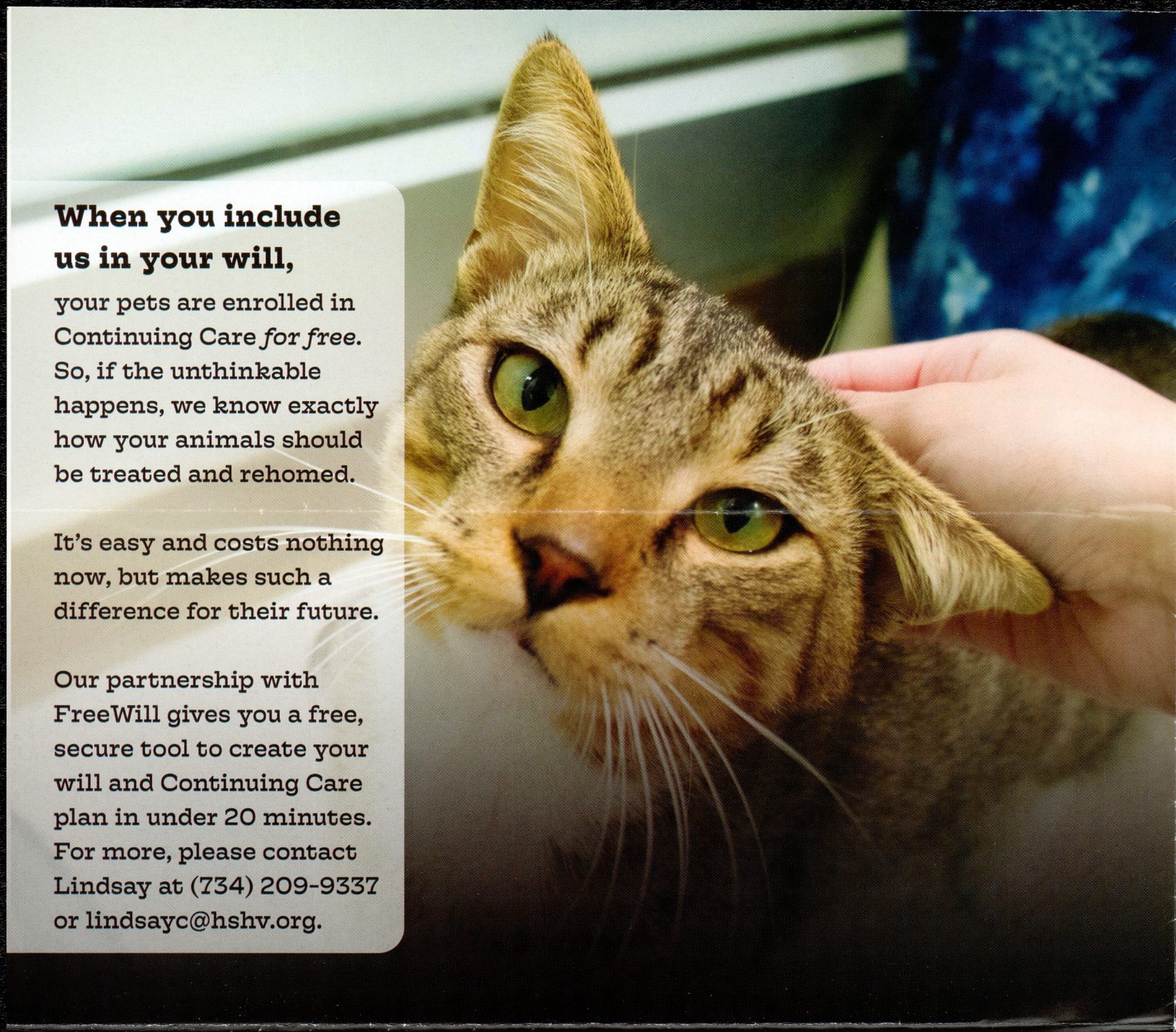

When you include us in your will,

your pets are enrolled in Continuing Care *for free*. So, if the unthinkable happens, we know exactly how your animals should be treated and rehomed.

It's easy and costs nothing now, but makes such a difference for their future.

Our partnership with FreeWill gives you a free, secure tool to create your will and Continuing Care plan in under 20 minutes. For more, please contact Lindsay at (734) 209-9337 or lindsayc@hshv.org.

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CHOO-CHOOOO

♥ It's the Love Train! ♥

Do you know about the Love Train?

When we can, we help neighboring communities, places where shelters and rescues face the heartbreaking decision to euthanize innocent animals solely due to lack of space. Our specially equipped Love Train van travels throughout Michigan and beyond, transporting cats and dogs and small mammals—and occasionally some unusual passengers—in 2024, we even had pheasant!

Primarily, though, people hear about the PUPPY transports we do, which are a partnership with Hardin Animal Relocation and Transition Team (HARTT) in Tennessee. HARTT is the dumping ground for a wide territory, taking in unwanted animals typically from areas where there are no animal shelters around, let alone adopters. While spay/neuter is widespread in Michigan, it's not everywhere else—leaving our state with few rescue puppies and other states with more than they can handle. Animal lovers like you prefer to adopt a rescue vs. purchase from a pet store or breeder.

Love Train isn't just puppy love; it's saving lives.

It's important to know that Love Train puppies do not take kennels away from dogs in our own community. Their kennels are small, they are adopted quickly, and their adoption fees help fund the care for longer-term residents. Win x 3!

Want to rescue a puppy? Sign up for Love Train emails at **hshv.org/lovetrain** to learn about the next transport of tail-waggers destined to fill your heart!

THE 900-MILE JOURNEY

Crouching Tiger came to us as a stray. We never imagined how far she had traveled from home.

As we do for every animal who comes through our doors, we scanned her for a microchip—and she had one! The chip led us to her original adoption center...they had some information but not her current adopter... and after oodles of phone calls, eventually we got in touch with her family...

All the way in **New Hampshire!**

Imagine their surprise when we called to let them know their cat had been found in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Crouching Tiger—whose real name was Kumiko—had gone missing 8 months earlier, and they had given up hope of ever finding her.

We wish we knew the story behind Kumiko's unbelievable journey, but the happy ending is what truly matters. Her family wasted no time in getting a flight to Michigan, and we were grateful to witness their happy reunion!

Although Kumiko's story is extraordinary, lost pets are unfortunately a common occurrence. **Did you know it's said that 1 in 3 pets get lost in their lifetime?** Microchips are the best way to ensure a reunion with your beloved pet.

If your dog or cat doesn't have a microchip yet, it's a quick and inexpensive procedure at your vet. The chip is placed using a slightly larger needle than one used for a typical vaccination, and it takes only a minute for something you and your pet could be thankful for!

Is your MICROCHIP up-to-date?

Check it for free on AAHA's website

We couldn't talk about this dog

FOR 2 YEARS

Cali spent 800 days in our care, waiting for a new chance at life. She couldn't be adopted because she was part of an ongoing cruelty case.

When Cali first came to us, she was in heartbreaking condition—her leg was broken, and she had multiple fractures from being kicked, stomped on and punched. Initially, we thought she was blind, but her vision was obscured by severe swelling caused by head trauma.

800 days not just of waiting, but of healing—thanks to friends like you.

Cali received the medical care, love and patience she needed to recover from her physical and emotional injuries. Today she is finally free and thriving in her forever home, adopted by the foster family who stood by her all those days.

Many cruelty victims remain in our care, waiting for their day in court. These animals are the voiceless and the faceless, but your support ensures they are never forgotten. Your support provides all the care they need, no matter how long it takes, even when we can't yet talk about them.

Happy Tail

"On my birthday, my mom and I scrolled the list of adoptable animals at HSHV. We were truthfully just looking at all the kitties' names without thinking of adopting, as my family is allergic. However, when we saw Gopher's photo we immediately knew we needed to know his story.

Not much was known about his history, other than that he was really sick and needed to have both eyes removed due to injury and infection. That was Friday, and Sunday morning we were there to meet Goph when HSHV opened.

Since the day he arrived he's been an absolute joy! He loves a good lap, pillow, couch cushion, basically anything that can be considered comfy. As for pets? He'd lay in your lap and purr for HOURS. His perfect day is sleeping for 20 hours and eating and cuddling for the other four. Even though he's totally blind, he bops his way around the house with no problem and responds to his name with a bird chirp that will brighten your day every time.

He waddled his way into our lives and fit right in, and we wouldn't have it any other way. We love you, Gopher Bug!"

Humane Society of Huron Valley INVITES YOU TO THE BIGGEST PUP PARTY OF THE YEAR!

Presented by SUBARU of Ann Arbor

46th Annual Walk & Wag and Run

Bring your dog, bring your family, fundraise to support homeless and abused animals in our community.

Register at hshv.org/walkandwag

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 2025 · ROLLING HILLS PARK · 8 AM TO 1 PM

Puffling Purrs Again

Puffling the cat was found on the side of the road, covered in severe burns and burning with fever. We don't know what happened to cause her injuries, but our medical team sprang into action to save her.

Burn wounds are one of the most devastating injuries an animal can experience. While Puffling's "before" pictures are too graphic to show, we can tell you about what truly matters: her incredible recovery.

Over the course of many months, Puffling fought through her pain with an unshakable will to live. She lost her ears to the burns, but with extensive medical care and laser therapy, her other wounds eventually healed. Finally, she was healthy enough to be placed for adoption.

Puffling is thriving in her forever home, showing a playful, confident personality and an affinity to her canine "sibling!"

Thanks to your support, she overcame unimaginable tragedy and has a second chance at life with an adopter committed to her care.

Thank you for giving Puffling a happy ending!

More than diabetes.
More than heart disease.
There is a silent killer: loneliness.

For many, a pet is their sole companion and greatest source of comfort. Take Alice, for example. Once an artist and alto, she became homebound and was no longer able to make art or sing. But she always had a dog by her side.

Her Irish Setter, Gypsy, has been her faithful companion for years. But when Gypsy began getting loose, neighbors urged her to rehome the dog. Alice's sister shared with us that losing Gypsy would cause irreparable decline for Alice.

That's where our Friends for Life program stepped in.

Friends For Life

Volunteers walked Gypsy several times a week, enabling her to stay with Alice as long as possible. When Alice's health eventually required long-term hospitalization, Gypsy found a loving home with an HSHV veterinarian. Alice enjoys getting regular updates about her furry friend.

Friends for Life connects pet owners with resources in times of hardship. This includes free and discounted vet care, pet supplies, and emergency boarding—things that can prevent a pet from losing their home and maintain that ever-important human-animal bond.

Let's face it: life can be hard, and at some point we will all face limitations. Animal and human welfare go hand-in-hand, and together we can help keep loved pets with their loving people.